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News from the City of Inkster

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Housing officials launch drive

Inkster Housing officials this week announced a drive that offers public housing for those families that qualify.

A major goal for Inkster Public Housing in 2001 is higher occupancy rates at its Lemoine Gardens, Demby and Parkside facilities, officials pointed out.

More than 80 apartment units are available, ranging from efficiency apartments to five-bedroom units.

"We want to attract stable families as tenants," said Tony Love, executive director of Inkster Public Housing. "That's why we've undertaken major refurbishment programs that includes painting, new flooring and new roofing for many of the units."

"We want to attract stable families as tenants"

Tony Love

"In addition, these apartments feature windows and no furnaces older than two years."

The apartment complexes also will have dedicated police patrols and an in-house maintenance staff, Love said.

Families interested in applying for an apartment should contact the Inkster Public Housing Office at 4500 Inkster Road. The phone number is 313-561-2600. Applications also are available at the Family Independence Agency office at 27407 Hamlin Road in Inkster.



Humanitarian Deed

The New Era Men's Club of Inkster has gathered and given away bountiful gifts of food to the needy for the Christmas Holidays for several years. This year was no exception. Under the conscientious and dedicated leadership of the club's president, Michael Mellon (third from left), the club's tradition continues. With the help of local businesses, and the aid of a hard-working committee, the organization distributed 250 bags of groceries complete with turkeys. Working from an empty store in Inkster Town Center, the club members began in the morning and worked until all of the groceries had been delivered or picked up by the grateful recipients. The New Era Men's Club is involved in several humanitarian endeavors not only at Christmas, but all during the year. Photo by Theola Jones

Commissioner Beard begins her 12th term

By THEOLA JAMES
MCN Special Writer



Kay Beard

Kay Beard, one of the longest, if not the longest, serving commissioner in the history of Wayne County, officially launched her 12th term last week on the Wayne County Commission.

The official swearing-in ceremony for the 15-member county commission was held on Jan. 3 in the County Commission Chambers.

The chamber is located in a magnificent ornate room, with high ceilings, accentuated by carvings of roses atop of stately columns of pink imported marble

the cities of Inkster, Westland and Garden City. She was first appointed to the county commission in April 1978 and has subsequently been awarded 12 consecutive terms by the voters of the district.

A large group of Beard's constituents were present during the oath of office ceremony. They expressed pleasure and said they were proud to witness the ceremony that established Commissioner Beard as the longest serving member of the current commission.

The Honorable C. Charles Bokos, Chief Judge of the 18th District Court in Westland administered the oath of office.

Beard also was re-elected as the vice chairperson of the Wayne County Commission.

Others who took the oath and have been officially installed on the Wayne County Commission are: Lyn Bankes, Robert B. Blackwell, Edward A. Boike, Jr., Christopher F. Cavanagh, Philip M. Cavanagh, George Cushingberry, Jr., Willie D. Hall, Susan Hubbard, Joseph Palamara, Bernard Parker, Richard A. Solomon, John J. Sullivan, Ilona Varga and Jewel Ware.

The guests were invited to join the newly-installed commissioners for lunch in the atrium, immediately following the ceremony.

Commissioner Beard, who won re-election by an overwhelming margin in the November election, greeted her guests and thanked them for making the trip downtown.

The Wayne County Commission meets the first and third Thursday of each month. Meetings begin at 10 a.m. and are held on the fourth floor of the Wayne County Building.

She's in the Navy

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Denise Gillette of Inkster, daughter of Alecia Marby, recently enlisted in the United States Navy.

Gillette will be trained as an Advanced Electronics/Computer Field specialist.

Gillette was scheduled to report for Basic Training at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois in December, 2000.

After her training, Gillette will be assigned to one of the Navy's ships, squadrons of duty stations located around the world.

Inkster Chamber to host workshop

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The Inkster Chamber of Commerce has set the date for its second annual Community Networking Mixer.

The program, a get together of business and community, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 22 at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road.

"It was a very successful event a year ago," stressed Jeannie Fields, who serves as an Chamber officer and is the executive direc-

tor of the city's Weed & Seed program.

"This event offers business and community to meet with fellow business owners and local government officials," Fields added.

Fields also urged those who have not joined the chamber to "explore the benefits of chamber membership by visiting company and product displays."

There will be entertainment and a complimentary buffet catered by Rose Catering, Inc.

For further information, Fields may be reached by phone at 734-552-1391.

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ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2001-01
JANUARY 2, 2001

Regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 2, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. Members Present: Dickerson, Dobrowski, McEachern, Haidous, Powser, Lentine, Shackelford. Presentation of a resolution was made to K-9 Officer Bullet on his retirement from service. APPROVED: minutes of Regular Meeting of December 19, 2000; Second Reading and Adoption of amendments to the Codified Ordinances concerning junk dealers and junk yards; Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 654; Police Dog; payment to U.S.A. Transmission, on an emergency basis, for repairs to Police Department vehicles #403 and #410; amendment of the Classification Plan to include Engineering Manager; payment to K & S Auto Service, on an emergency basis, for repairs to the dump truck at the Parks and Recreation Department; Professional Services Agreement with NTH Consultants, Ltd., to perform a geotechnical investigation regarding the proposed Interim Fire Station; declaration of 34958 Winslow Street a Hazard/Nuisance, and assess the charges to the owner of record; re-adoption of the City Council's resolution regarding the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; appointment of Debra Browning as the check signatory for the Public Housing Department; sale of the City-owned property on Van Born Road between Chamberlain Street and vacated Fourth Street. Called a Special Meeting for February 5, 2001 at 8:00 p.m., due to the Special Election on February 6, 2001. Called a Special Meeting for February 12, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss goals. Received and filed Communications and Reports, and Consent Calendar. Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: January 11, 2001

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 00/01-35

CITY WIDE COMPUTER/PRINTERS AND MAINTENANCE

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., January 23, 2001. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE MARKED:

CITY CLERK
CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN

BID 00/01-35
CITY WIDE COMPUTER/PRINTERS AND MAINTENANCE

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The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by McEachern, supported by Shackelford and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2001-02, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-02

AN ABSTRACT OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION TO PART SIX, GENERAL OFFENSES, CHAPTER 654, POLICE DOG

654.01 HARASSMENT
654.02 INTERFERENCE WITH POLICE DOG
654.03 PENALTY

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Adopted: January 2, 2001
Published: January 11, 2001
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FULL TEXT OF THIS ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE AT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

News from the City of Wayne

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S



Job well-done

Presenting the "Outstanding Public/Private Partnerships" award on behalf of the Southeastern Michigan Council of Government/Metropolitan Affairs Joint Public Service Award to Wayne-Westland school and Detroit Diesel Corporation officials is Manager Jim Connelly. Accepting the award on behalf of the TEAM partners is Mike Stewart, DDC: (above, from left), Tom Caruna, DDC; Rick Hamrick, Wayne-Westland Schools, and Cynthia Candela, Wayne-Westland School. The presentation was recently made at the Detroit Metro Airport Doubletree Hotel in Romulus.

'TEAM-work' Schools, DDC receive award

To develop and become a true winner, it takes "team work".

And team work, in this case the "TEAM" - the Technical Education Manufacturing (TEAM) partnership between the Wayne-Westland Schools, Detroit Diesel Corporation, UAW Local 163, and the South Redford Community Schools knows what it means to work together in today's business environment.

The groups have, what coaches like to say, "the right stuff", a winning chemistry.

Recently, the TEAM was honored by SEMCOG - the Southeastern Michigan Council of Government. SEMCOG presented the Team with its prestigious Metropolitan Affairs Joint Public Service Award.

SEMCOG officials pointed out that the schools and DDC received the award because of their combined efforts to provide programs that will help students

"Students receive academic instruction in physics, mathematics, and communications with activities relating to their industry field trips, job shadowing and internship experiences"

in securing careers in manufacturing. "The Team partnership,"

SEMCOG noted in presenting the award, "provides high school juniors and seniors a unique school and work-based program leading to careers in manufacturing."

"Students receive academic instruction in physics, mathematics, and communications with activities relating to their industry field trips, job shadowing and internship experiences."

Jim Connelly, on behalf of SEMCOG, recently presented the award to the recipients during a special awards presentation ceremony staged at the Detroit Metro Airport Doubletree Hotel located in Romulus.

TEAM has also received numerous regional, state and national awards related to their study-work programs.

Nation pauses to remember Dr. King, civil rights leader

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, city and township halls, court and all county and federal buildings will be closed Monday, Jan. 15.

Dr. King, a civil rights leader who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his work in bringing racial equality among all races, was slain by an assassin in 1968.

In 1983, Congress designated

the third Monday in January as a national holiday to commemorate Dr. King's birthday.

Last week, the Wayne City Council unanimously approved a resolution in tribute to the life and work of the slain Civil Rights Leader.

Born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. King was a black American clergyman who saw the injustice and racial discrimination at a young age in American society and decided to peacefully resist and fight its evils.

Under his leadership, the

forces of anti-discrimination were mobilized in the country and around the world and, in 1963, Dr. King led an army of 250,000 in a march on Washington that helped bring about the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Dr. King's *I Have a Dream* speech continues to remind all that the "dream of racial equality" remains just that - a dream - and that justice can never be reached until each and every heart is cleanse of racial hatred and discrimination.

Metro Wayne distributes food on Tuesday

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Members of the Wayne Metro Democratic Club and volunteers will distribute surplus food to the needy on Tuesday, Jan. 16, announced Cliff Johnson, president of the club.

"We will be at the Korean Village at 9 a.m. and over at the Wayne Towers at 11 a.m.," Johnson said. "We asking the recipients to make sure that they have proof of eligibility, such as proof of income and an ID available."

Johnson also noted that volunteers are always welcomed to pitch in.

"We started this program back in 1984 when no one else wanted to get involved. You know that there are a lot of needy people out there, and we have an obligation to help out."

To contact Johnson, dial 729-8681.

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CITY OF WAYNE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF NUISANCE & HAZARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a nuisance and safety hazard existed, declared by the Council to be dangerous to the welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Wayne, on property located at 34958 Winslow Street, Tax ID No. 019-01-0124-000.

By order of the City Manager, the building was secured on an emergency basis. The costs to abate the hazard will be assessed to the owner of record.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

Publish: January 11, 2001

Chamber to hear Ford official

Jeff Wood, Ford Motor Company's Michigan Truck Plant manager, is the keynote speaker at the monthly meeting of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber will meet at noon on Jan. 18 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road.

Wood, who earned an Electrical Engineering degree from Old Dominion University, has served as plant manager of the Ford facility in Wayne since 1999.

CITY OF WAYNE

Motion by McEachern, supported by Dobrowolski and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt Ordinance 2001-01, an ordinance to amend the codified ordinances of the City of Wayne, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-01

AN ABSTRACT OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE

THE CITY OF WAYNE ORDAINS:

Section 1. THAT THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WAYNE BE AMENDED BY THE AMENDMENT TO PART TWO, ADMINISTRATION CODE; PART SIX, GENERAL OFFENSES; PART EIGHT, BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAXATION; PART TWELVE, PLANNING & ZONING AND PART FOURTEEN, BUILDING AND HOUSING

That all references to "junk dealer" and "junk yard" have a change in terminology to "Materials Recovery Operator" and "Materials Recovery Facility" in the Codified Ordinances of the City.

The following Sections will be amended:

210.11 (c)	Administrative Code - Uniform Fee Schedule
640.08	Inoperable Vehicles
832	Junk Dealers and Junk Yards
872	Vendors
1230.04(90)	Planning and Zoning, definitions
1234.12(f)	Planning and Zoning
1266.02(b)	IND-2 Heavy Industrial Park District
1279.04(b)	Planning and Zoning, fences
1286.10	Nonconforming Uses
1434.08	Building and Housing Code, fence

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be published as required by law.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall become effective ten days after enactment and upon publication thereof.

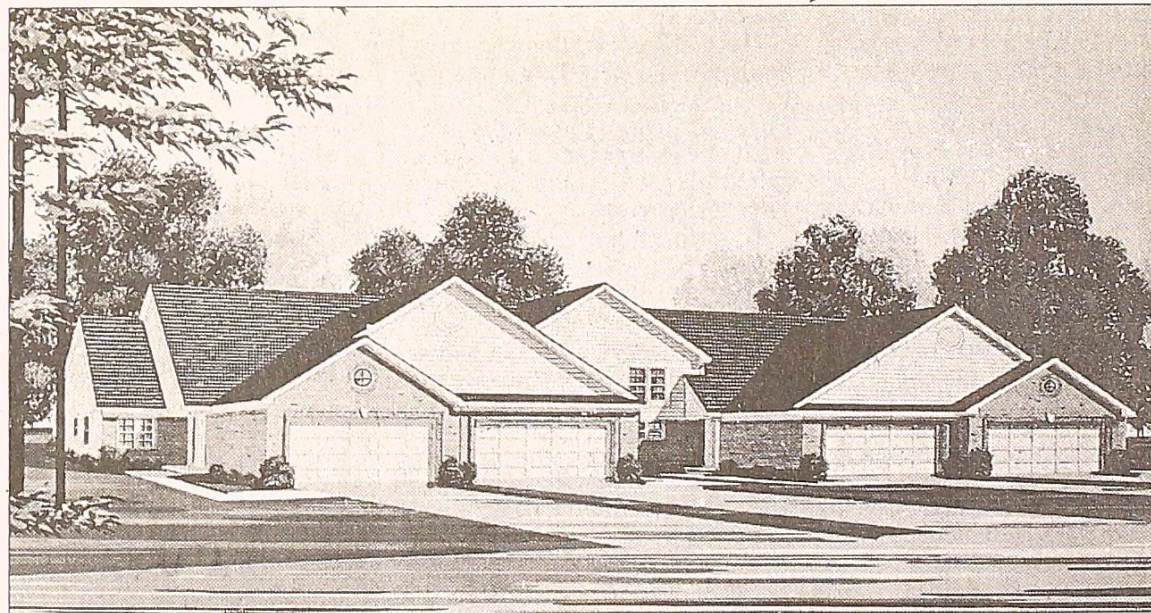
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SPORTS

Stage set for Wayne, Willow Run showdown

A 'must-win' game for Mega-Red title contenders

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

No one ever told first-year Wayne Memorial basketball coach Wayne Woodard it was going to be easy.

And, although Wayne has won four of its first five games, Woodard and the Zebras now have to contend with title contender Willow Run Friday night in a game that is a "must-win" for both teams.

The outcome of the Wayne-Willow Run duel also may shed some light on who really is the heir apparent to the Mega-Red throne presently occupied by Romulus.

Right now, Willow Run and Belleville are the frontrunners. Wayne Memorial, and Romulus, are a notch below, each with one divisional loss. They can't really afford another:

Friday night is just another one of those "must" games for Woodard.

"They (Willow Run) were picked to win it this year," pointed out Woodard. "They have some very talented players, like Billups (DeMarco Billups) who is among the finest in our conference. He can hurt you in so many ways."

Woodard said that this year's Willow Run team can be lethal if the defense relaxes.

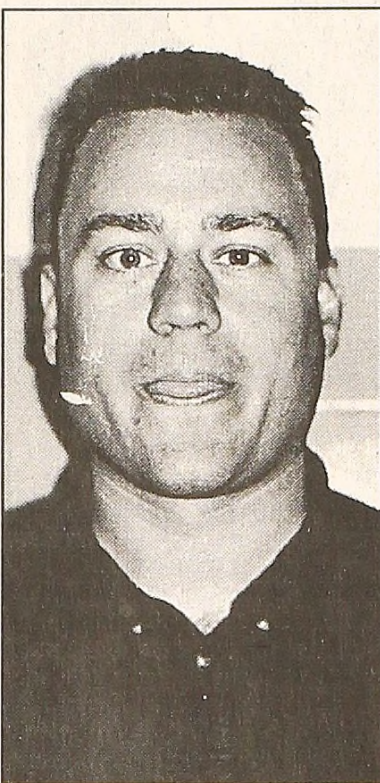
"We got to play defense and hold our mistakes to a minimum," the Wayne coach stressed. "If we don't, you can bet that they will capitalize on our turnovers."

Like most area teams, Wayne Memorial didn't participate in a holiday tournament. To keep the players in shape and focused Woodard opted to scrimmage Detroit Redford and Ferndale during the holiday break.

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Wayne Woodard



Rod Fisher

Belleville continues to remain in the hunt

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Belleville began the real 21st century where it left off in the old 20th century - with two impressive basketball victories.

With victories over Monroe, the newest "kid on the Mega-Red block", and over non-conference opponent, South Lyon, the Tigers have now won four in a row after losing their season opener to Walled Lake at the Round Ball Classic.

Going into the first full week of the New Year, Belleville shares first place with Willow Run in the Mega-Red.

The Tigers struggled early in their win over South Lyon, but posted an 58-54 victory. They beat Monroe by 11 points, 66-55.

Monroe was elevated to the top

tier of the Mega Conference this season after winning or sharing the last two Mega-White championships.

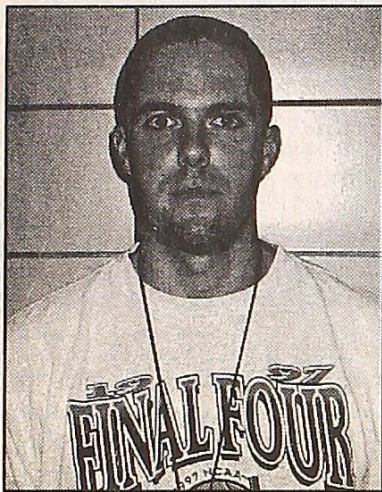
Monroe made its debut in the Mega-Red boasting an impressive 3-0 overall record and, despite Michael Leach's heroics - he scored a game high 20 points for the Trojans - Belleville's overall depth and balanced scoring were just too much for the former White-Division power.

Belleville boosted its record to 5-1 on the season and 2-0 in the Mega-Red. Jerriel Burrus and Kris Miller led the assault against the Trojans of Monroe.

Burrus scored a team high 19 points and Miller contributed 13.

In their first game of the 2001 phase of the season, the Tigers

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Joel Lloyd

Billy Joe Young hoop classic set

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Dates for a basketball tournament in tribute to a high school coaching legend have been set.

The Billy Joe Young Classic Tournament will be staged Jan. 27 and 28th at Allen Park High School and Middle School.

Young coached at Garden City East High School during the

The tournament is being staged under the Youth Basketball of America.

1970's. His basketball teams captured numerous conference titles. His teams also won district and regional championships.

Tournament organizers are seeking junior teams for the classic in the following divisions: Girls, ages 12,13, and 14; and boys in the same ages.

There is a \$275 registration fee.

The tournament is being staged under the auspices of the Youth Basketball of America.

For further information, please contact Kevin Wilkerson, Jeff Bradley, or Vito Antonazzo at 734-522-8872.

Lloyd gets his first victory

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Coach Joel Lloyd received a belated Christmas gift from members of John Glenn's basketball squad. The Rockets gave him his first win as varsity head coach.

In a game rescheduled from Dec. 12 to Jan. 2 due to winter's first snow storm, Glenn turned back host Adrian, 53-46, for their first victory of the 2000-2001 campaign.

The Rockets came to play in this one, and refused to quit, despite giving up the lead late in the fourth quarter.

But a 12 of 14 team performance at the free throw line in the final quarter, with Brent Bogle hitting a perfect 6 for 6 at the line, Glenn clinched the victory which also ended its four-game losing streak.

Glenn broke open the close game in the last quarter as the Rockets outscored their hosts, 24-13, in the final period.

Up to that point, neither team could build up more than a five-point advantage.

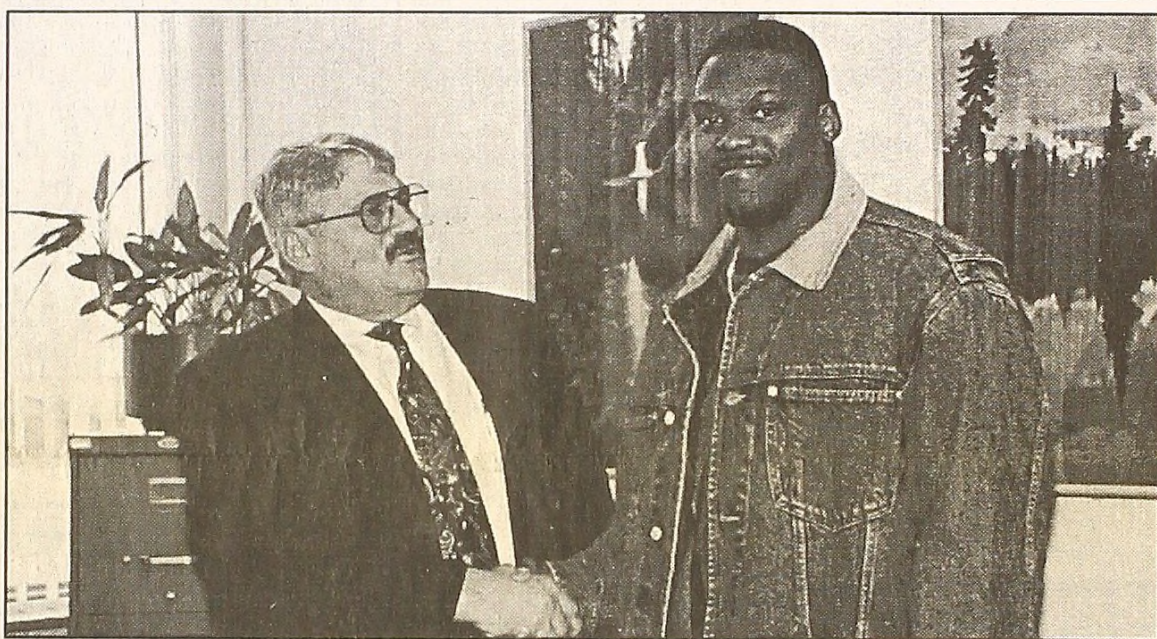
The Westlanders held a 13-12 edge after the first period. Adrian came back and tied just before the intermission at 25. Then, Adrian took a 33-29 lead as the Rockets scored only four points - one basket each by Cedric Simms and Bogle - in the third period.

With two minutes left in the game, Adrian was up by one, 43-42.

Then, Glenn lost starter Darnell Smith to fouls and he was replaced by Will Massey, who returned to the Rocket lineup after recently undergoing foot surgery.

Massey, a 6-3 junior forward, quickly got into foul trouble, but

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Congratulations

Home-town football hero Tyrone Wheatley could be the first local football star from the area to wear a Super Bowl Championship ring if his Oakland Raiders win their next two games. The Raiders will face the Baltimore Ravens for the AFC championship, while the Minnesota Vikings take on the New York Giants for the NFL crown. The two survivors clash in the Super Bowl on Jan. 28. Wheatley, a running back, led coach Bob Yauck's Bulldogs at Robichaud to a Class B state title before he went on to star at the University of Michigan.

Balance scoring lifts Inkster over Kennedy

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If losing to Flint Beecher last week taught Inkster anything, it showed that the Vikings can play with anyone, according to the Vikings' first-year coach Steve Brooks.

Inkster bounced back from the 54-47 loss to Beecher on Tuesday to trounce Taylor Kennedy, 54-49, Friday night. The victory, Inkster's first-ever in the Mega Conference, White Division, (They were in the Mega-Red a year ago) evened the Vikings Divisional record to 1-1 on the year. Overall, Inkster boasts a 2-4 record.

"I felt we played a solid game

Inkster bounced back from the 54-47 loss to Beecher to trounce Taylor Kennedy.

on defense," said Brooks, commenting on the Taylor Kennedy game, "I think the game against Flint, although we lost it, gave this team a lot of confidence."

"Flint has another title contender, and we managed to make them sweat it out right down to the final minutes. In fact, their (Flint Beecher's) coach came up afterwards and congratulated our kids for playing tough."

Brooks said he is expecting to

see "another dogfight" Friday night when White Division title hopeful, Taylor Truman, invades the Viking gym.

"They (Truman) beat Romulus, and any team that can beat Romulus in basketball you have to respect," Brooks offered.

Inkster also earned a margin of respect with its victory over Kennedy. It wasn't easy, however. The two teams were deadlocked at the half at 23, before the Vikings stepped up their game a notch, thanks to balanced scoring provided by Joe Clayborn, Michael Hunter, Kentriell Fickling and the kind of defense played by Lamont

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Canton survives Stevenson

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton overcame a horrendous 25 percent shooting performance in the second half from the field to turn back Livonia Stevenson, 43-37, Friday night in a Western Lakes Conference crossover basketball game.

Canton coach Jeremy Rheault was not happy with his team's shooting efforts.

"I am upset," Rheault said after the game. "There is no excuse for this (poor shooting). We are getting the shots but are not knocking them down."

Salem coach Bob Brodie should be happy to hear that. Brodie's bunch is next on the Canton schedule. The two natural rivals clash Friday night to determine the school district's basketball bragging rights for a year.

Salem is off to its worst start on the hardwood in recent years. The Rocks have not won in six games and, despite their problems, Canton won't be easy for the Rocks.

Canton held a four point, 10-6, edge over Stevenson after the first period and widened the margin to 25-15 at halftime. However, the Spartans, with the help of Linden Nzaj rallied to tie the score at 26 for three before Canton's Jerry Gaines made six of nine crucial free throws down the stretch to seal the Chiefs' second victory of the campaign.

Gaines was the only Canton player to score in double figures. He had 12 and shared the game's individual scoring honor with Nzaj.

Despite the Chiefs' lackadaisical shooting performance from the field, Rheault said he was

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Victory over Rouge raises Romulus' hoops stock

Division newcomer Monroe is next

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After a disastrous start where they lost two of their first three games, defending Mega-Red bas-

ketball champ Romulus raised its Mega Conference, title stocks with an impressive come-from-behind 65-52 victory over downriver power, River Rouge.

The victory gave coach Guy DelGiudice and the Eagles their first Mega-Red win of the 2000-2001 season and, equally important, the confidence that they could battle for the championship.

"I felt that this was our best overall game of the season," said DelGiudice, commenting on the Rouge game. "But, we're still a long ways off from playing the kind of ball I know these kids are capable of."

DelGiudice - and the basketball fans - will learn on Friday if the Eagles are really for real. The defending champs will take on Mega-Red newcomer Monroe on the home court. Monroe has had one of the more dominant basketball programs in the area over recent years.

The Trojans were elevated to Mega-Red status this season after winning back-to-back titles in the Mega-White. There are four Mega Divisions - Red, White, Blue and Gold.

"I don't know much about them," DelGiudice said. "Monroe is new in the league. But I do know they have had remarkable

success with their basketball program over the years."

Friday night, Romulus, after a slow start, got the job done.

Rouge jumped on their old rivals in the first period as Lou Hamilton and Dominic Crawford led the Panthers to a five-point, 19-14, lead. Then, the Eagles backcourt, sparked by point-guard Charles Searcy and senior Daniel Jarrett, provided the fire power to ignite the offense. The Eagles came to within a trey (32-29) of catching the visitors.

Right after the intermission Romulus went on an 8-1 run and outscored Rouge 22-15 in the third period to go up, 51-47.

Romulus turned to its defense which smothered Rouge in the final eight minutes. The Panthers scored only five points in the final eight minutes.

Searcy, a junior who earned All-State recognition as a running back in football, scored a season and game high 19 points, while Jarrett added 13 and Anson Long finished with 12.

It was Long and Searcy's back-to-back three-pointers that also helped turn the tide.

Romulus placed a fourth player, Ronald Buckley, in double figures. Buckley scored 11.

Hamilton, a 6-6 forward, tallied 18 for the Panthers who also

got 12 points from Crawford.

Rouge had a disastrous night at the free throw line where the Panthers sank only two of 11 offerings.

Before engaging Belleville a week from Friday, Romulus also is scheduled to play Ypsilanti on Tuesday.

Ypsi, along with Willow Run, are the pre-season coaches' favorites to inherit Romulus's Mega-Red hoops crown.

Romulus obviously isn't ready to concede anything to anyone at this stage of the season.

State grant to fund local recreation, park improvements

Wayne to receive \$30,000 for parks

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

The City of Wayne will receive a \$30,000 grant to help fund the purchase of recreational equipment in the Louis Savage Garfield Park.

The grant approval was announced by newly-elected State Representative Jim A. Plakas, a Democrat from Garden City whose 17th District includes the cities of Wayne, Inkster, Garden City and a small portion of West-

land.

Plakas stated that the grant has been approved by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) under the local recreation portion of the Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI). Wayne was one of 48 communities approved to receive over \$12 million in CMI-Recreation Bond grant funds.

"Much of the credit for this

award goes to former State Representative Tom Kelly for his work on shepherding this project through the process," Plakas said.

Plakas explained that the \$30,000, plus \$50,000 in local matching funds, will be used to develop Garfield Park to include playground equipment, picnic tables, park benches, a paved sur-

face for various types of recreational use, landscaping and fencing along the western boundary of the park.

"This project was one of 250 proposals received by the DNR that requested over \$51 million in grant money," Plakas added. "The selections were made by a scoring model and geographic distribution written in state law."

The CMI Recreation Bond program was made possible by the State Legislature, the governor and the voters of Michigan with the passage of Proposal C in November 1998.

Under this program, the state provides grant dollars to local units of governments for the development of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities to meet the

needs of communities across Michigan.

The grants approved represent the fourth and final round of grants under this program, taking the amount of local grant funds under the CMI Recreation Bond to over \$48 million.

Sometime in the spring or early summer of 2001, grants for the 48 communities will be issued under appropriation of funds by the Legislature.



'Tree of Lights'

The *Tree of Lights* at Oakwood Hospital in Wayne provides a meaningful way to honor or memorialize loved ones for the holidays. For a small donation, volunteers place an ornament bearing the honoree's name on a beautifully-decorated Christmas Tree in the hospital lobby. Funds raised in this project, sponsored by the hospital's Auxiliary, are used for projects that benefit patients. Helping to decorate the tree this year were (from left) Betty Rork, hospitality chair, Joan Smith, Tree of Light co-chair, and Mary Jo Hanson, Auxiliary president and Tree of Lights chair.

Stage

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ing the two-week holidays.

"We were not as sharp as I would have liked us to be," offered Woodard on his team's per-

formance.

To tune up for Willow Run, Wayne Memorial had the unenviable task Tuesday night of taking on the wounded Panthers of River Rouge.

Rouge is coming off of a loss to Romulus.

Canton

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pleased with his team's overall play on defense.

"We're getting the job done on defense.

We are also getting our share of rebounds, but if we don't make shots that should drop, we'll be in trouble - that's the bottom line."

Hunt

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struggled against a South Ly-

on team that had three losses in six starts.

Burrus again emerged with individual scoring honors as he tossed in a game high 17 points.

Brooks

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Parker.

"Lamont played an exceptional game for us," said Brooks. "In fact, he helped turn things around in the fourth quarter when, after he missed a shot, he managed to pick off the inbound pass and turned it into an easy layup basket."

Inkster finished with three

players in double figures. Clayborn led the pack with 14 points. He also accounted for 10 rebounds and five blocked shots.

Fickling chipped in with 12, while Hunter contributed 10 points.

After Friday night's encounter with Truman, the Vikings will hit the road on Tuesday when they travel to Dearborn to play Fordson, one of the tri-Mega White defending champs.

Canton spikers still learning

Chiefs compete in Walled Lake Invitational

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Canton's young and bold volleyball team gave it their best at the Walled Lake Invitational and learned that they have a lot more to learn.

"We are still in a learning process on a lot of new offensive and defensive schemes," said Canton coach Steve Anderson. "Once we start to learn these schemes, a smoother transition game will slowly emerge."

Anderson added that confidence also is a major factor at this time.

"Once we gain a little more confidence in those different concepts, we will have less of those mental lapses in the games against the tougher opponents. We are slowly grasping it throughout the day."

Anderson lauded the performances turned in by Ashley

The Chiefs were given all they could handle as they were assigned one of the toughest pools in the tournament.

Williams, Mary Kryska and Courtney Jarman.

Kryska had 72 assists to go with her 12 aces, while Stephanie Johnson chipped in with 18 aces. Teammate Williams accounted for 32 kills and 20 digs and Megan Meier was on target with 28 kills.

Christina Kiessel carded 10 aces and 19 digs for the tournament.

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Canton was assigned pool "C". Joining Canton in "C" were

state powerhouses Brighton, Grand Ledge and Andover.

The Chiefs began slow. They dropped their first match to a very quick and tall Brighton squad by the scores of 15-5 and 15-5. But Canton managed to rebound and bounced back to trounce Andover 15-7 and 15-8. The Chiefs finished out the pool against Grand Ledge which turned back Canton 15-7 and 15-10.

With pool play behind them, Canton moved into the silver bracket of the playoffs and drew Waterford Mott in the quarterfinals. The Chiefs got into a poor

service rhythm in the first game, causing eight service errors, and dropped Game One, 15-7.

The loss apparently served as a wake-up call. The Chiefs came back and jumped all over Mott as Williams and Kryska came up with some defensive gems to pave the way in the next two sets.

Canton jolted Mott 15-2 and 15-8.

Advancing to the semis, Canton matched up with the No. 1 seed, Romeo. The Chiefs once again got off to a lethargic start and fell flat on their faces, 15-6. Bouncing back in the second game thanks to the strong serves by Kiessel and Stephanie Johnson, Canton won the second game, 15-10, to force the issue to the third and final match.

In the deciding rally score game, the Chiefs managed to jump out to an early 10-6 lead but couldn't hang on and suffered the consequences, 15-12.



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Rather than pursuing hot stocks or trying to time the market, true investors research the stocks they're interested in, looking for companies that offer solid management, strong products, competitive advantages and a clear plan for the future.

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To add even more drama to their actions, speculators often fund their purchases with money that's not their own. Technically, they've been buying "on the margin" — borrowing money from their brokers to buy shares of stocks.

How extensive is margin-buying activity? Consider the numbers: From January 1997 through March 2000, the total margin dollars held by New York Stock Exchange firms rose 180 percent. Then, in April 2000, the markets — especially the Nasdaq Composite Index — fell dramatically.

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Everyone wants to dump trash in Western Wayne

Beyond the new housing subdivisions, the green green golf courses, and the quaint little downtowns, the spectre of bigger and greater garbage deposits always seems to loom in Western Wayne County.

People that make garbage their business have congregated in Western Wayne since the early 1970's because our deep layers of impermeable clay are ideal for garbage deposits. Some area's have their prisons, others huge power plants, but in Western Wayne, landfills and garbage reign supreme as the most undesirable industry in the area.

In a span of one week residents of this area can weigh-in with their opinions at two public hearings, while a third landfill began accepting trash from Canada.

In Van Buren Township, residents are being asked to give their views on an application by owners of Wayne Disposal to add an additional 2.89 million cubic yards of hazardous waste into their nearly full landfill off of I-94.

In order to create the additional space needed to contain the hazardous waste, Environmental Quality Co., owners of Wayne Disposal, are proposing they build on top of the current landfill and create a new cell, or container for waste. Company officials claim this is a common practice at many landfills and residents should not be alarmed.

City of Romulus residents are also being asked to attend a public hearing, albeit their comments probably will not change the State's conclusion that Environmental Disposal Services (EDS) can begin construction of a mile-long deepwell. When completed, hazardous wastes will be processed and then in-

jected into the well, located where else, but a few miles down I-94 from the aforementioned landfill.

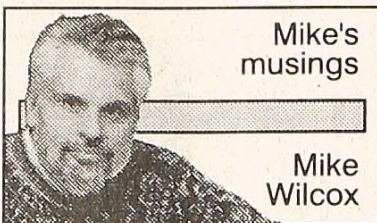
Ironically, while citizens and politicians are thrashing about the idea of adding on to one landfill, and creating a deepwell for more hazardous wastes, the first of thousands of garbage trucks from Toronto were dumping their trash at Carleton Farms, the controversial Sumpter Township landfill.

Canadians expect to dump 735,000 tons of trash in southeast Michigan this year. Over 285,000 tons will be deposited in Carleton Farms, with the remainder in another nearby landfill—Superior Township's Arbor Hills.

As citizens there is little we can do about any of this. The EQ proposal will ultimately be decided by the State and the Environmental Protection Agency. Van Buren Township has been good enough to provide a forum at which we can at least vent our complaints.

Likewise, the EDS deepwell, which has been proposed for a dozen years, and has endured protests from many of us for many years, appears to have been decided by the State. This final hearing is only a formality in which to hear citizens and opponents voice their displeasure one more time.

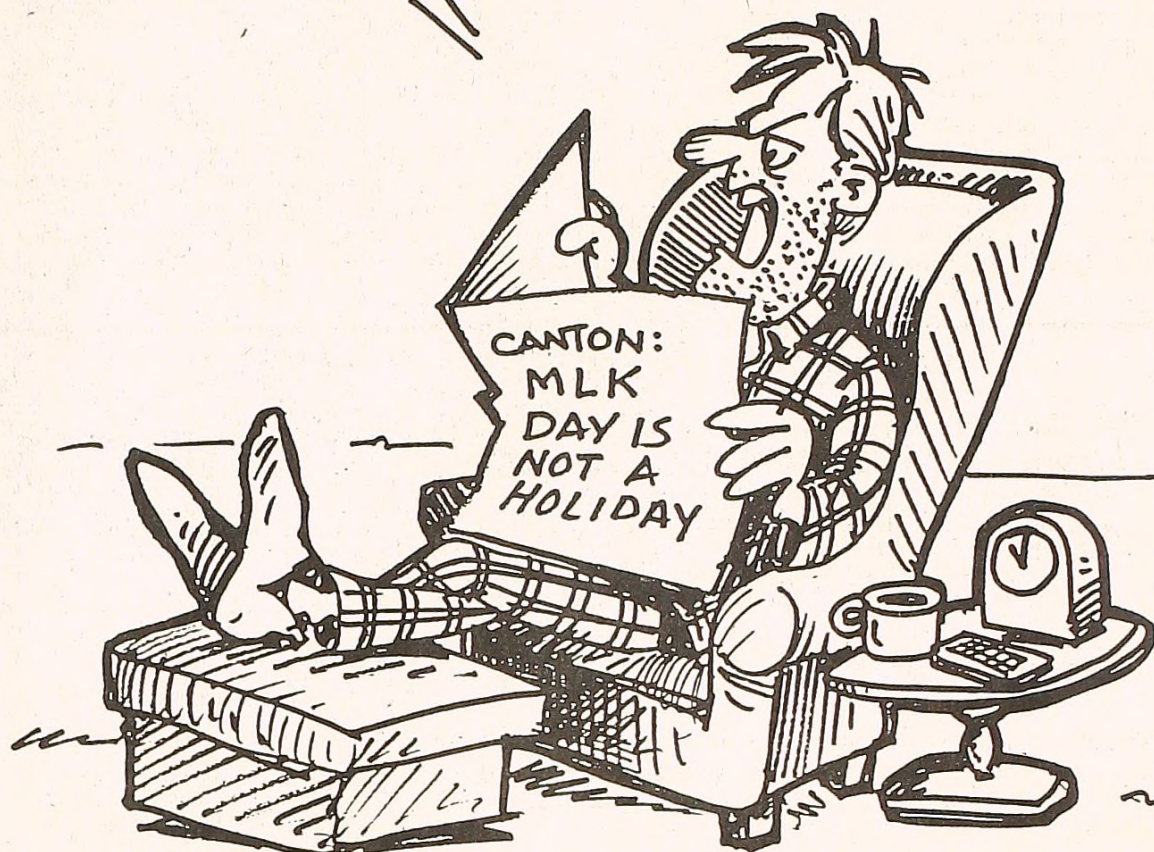
The best we can hope for is that the State has our best interests at heart, when they allow these projects to proceed.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

HEY! WHATS WRONG WITH CANTON?
WHY DON'T THEY MEANINGFULLY
CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
LIKE I DO ???!



Ticket gives good driver heebie jeebies

I was forty-five minutes late to a one hour, very important, very critical meeting last Friday. It was imperative I be there on time. No, that's not quite right; it was imperative I be there early. Knowing this, I phoned ahead to the office at which the meeting was to be held to ask specific directions to get there so there wouldn't be any delay-making mix-ups.

I called and spoke to the man and found him to be very nice, amenable, affable, helpful, knowledgeable with directions. I wrote his instructions down and repeated them back just to be sure I had heard everything right. I had. And away I went leaving good friend Sharon in charge of my two youngest children who happened to not have school that day.

I backed out of the driveway, drove the little section of my street to the quiet intersection, turned left and noticed the time on the clock in the van. If I were to make it in time to be, for once in my life, considered early, a very critical thing that day, very, very critical, I'd have to move along. The roads were clear, the sun was shining, nobody else on the road, I pressed on the gas pedal with purpose. Evidently too much purpose. I was not even a mile away from my driveway when it happened, when I became a common criminal. The law was after me. Lights flashing and everything. I obediently and very guiltily pulled off to the side of the road.

The last time that'd happened, the last time I'd needed to obediently and very guiltily pull off to the side of the road was twenty years ago, coming home from an especially exasperating day of teaching high school students things about American literature they didn't really want to know and then coaching still others on the pompon squad. My mind was goobled up with too much of the day as I drove the lightly traveled roads to have the redness of that one particular stoplight impact me as it should. And so my first and only "guilty as charged" ticket was issued. Until last Friday. When the second one was levied.

Now the officer last Friday was gentlemanly, official, and I've nothing to complain about, except — and I



Family Room

Karen Meier

don't know if he was responsible for this or not — time ground to a gritty, crushing halt. Hopes of being early to the meeting were smushed. Hopes of being on time, smushed. A "speeding ticket" just isn't a good name for it, not at all. Finally, at about 10:20 a.m. I was again on my way, to my "it's imperative to be there on time" 10:00 a.m. meeting.

I followed the directions, the ones given over the phone to me by the man in charge of the meeting, a man I'd never met, a man I knew nothing about, a man I'd only spoken to briefly on the phone regarding directions to his office. I approached the last busy intersection, the one I was to turn right on, and had to wait, smushed hopes and all, through three lights. This was getting ever smushier.

I drove on the roads and to the places exactly as I was told. No such street, no such address, no such building. I stopped and asked, twice. To no avail. Nobody knew anything.

Finally, on a wing and a prayer and an instinct, I traveled down the road in the opposite direction. So

far in fact I traveled through that one busy intersection again. And sure enough, there stood the building. At 10:40 a.m. It looked as if its arms were folded, if buildings could have arms, and its foot was tapping and its tongue was clucking. I was quite sure it was doing all of that when I reached the floor, the hallway, the office, the meeting site. At 10:45, I tapped on the meeting room door and gently, sheepishly, common-criminally, in tears, entered. I hung my head in shame, guilt, troubles — I was so late, I'd just received my first ticket in twenty years, there were terrible ice dams in my gutters at home making water drips all over the carpet, my third grader's brand new backpack gave way just before school so I gave him a grocery bag to make do and it tore all down the side as he boarded the bus, I just now stepped in a snow bank getting to this place and my sock was full of snow.

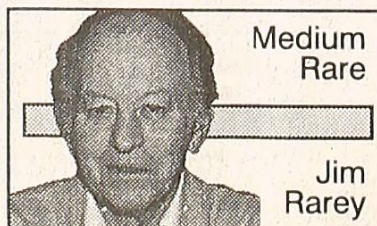
The man greeted me and had me take a seat, and then he apologized for giving bad directions. I settled in the chair, wiped my tears away, took my coat off, and then, only then, did I look up. And it was then I noticed a dog sitting under the man's desk — it was a seeing eye dog, the man was blind. I was in a meeting with a man who was blind. And you know what? It didn't take me too long to figure out he wasn't the only blind one there.

County gambles on good times

Most economists and private industry forecasters will tell you that any projections past two years in the future are pretty shaky and depend entirely on the assumptions folded into the projections.

Politicians at the county level (as well as the national level) are promising and spending for programs assuming that the current good times will last for the next ten to thirty years.

Wayne County, for instance, has dipped into the bond money voters authorized to finance two stadiums in Detroit to the tune of \$50 million. The money is being used to purchase property and for other purposes on the "Pinnacle" project, a development just south of Metro airport. County officials project that the "tourist tax" (a



Medium Rare

Jim Rarey

tax on rental cars) will generate \$160 million more than needed to pay off the stadium bonds. The projection assumes the economic climate conducive to tourism in the area will continue over the thirty-year life of the bonds.

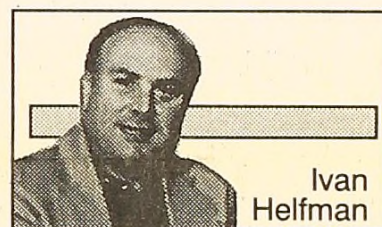
The county is also buying property along the corridor between Metro and Willow Run airports for development by the county. The rationale is that it will create jobs in the area, but the county expects to make a profit on the sale and lease of the properties it

acquires (reportedly some will be by condemnation).

County politicians are not the only ones betting on continued good times. Both presidential candidates have plans for spending a huge "projected surplus" over the next ten years. Congressional Republicans and Vice-President Gore both say they would put Social Security surpluses in a "lockbox."

The problem is the only thing in the lockboxes (trust funds) are IOU's (treasury bonds) that will have to be redeemed with non-Social Security taxes beginning in 2012. (That's why they talk about "ten year" plans.)

When we have the inevitable economic downturn, a lot of government programs will be in a world of hurt.



Ivan Helfman

and deliberate planning, I was shocked to the extent that the township abandoned its fate to developers' profit calculations — at least until Cherry Hill Village was conceived.

But putting quality judgments of Canton's sprawl aside, there's no denying the smell of money it has oozed for 10 years.

Not only are the tracts of large new homes on Canton's west side visibly crowding retention ponds, but new construction provides a significant amount of jobs, almost 100,000 in a 30-mile radius of Canton. Employment in the construction trades was so good that high school students were instantly hired from the area's vocational schools.

Besides the construction jobs, businesses opened to supply the new homes with hardware, furniture, and landscaping. Bureaucratic jobs in government and schools increased to serve and manage the growing population. Supermarkets popped up to feed the masses. Bump and automotive shops moved in to feed off Ford Road congestion and long commutes.

But the halving of new home construction, due to rising mortgage rates, rising energy costs, and the sputtering economy, threatens to play havoc with life in Canton.

Township board meetings will no longer feature parades of developers seeking site plan approvals for monster subdivisions. Already, established developers are letting options go on Canton property. Vocational school kids will no longer have lucrative after-school jobs.

Purchases of large luxury cars and exotic vacations will slow down. Many people will have to stay at home. Many will learn thrift.

At first, optimism will remain. Nobody expects the downturn to last.

A stockbroker told me to buy the dip.

A government official told me that the Fed has the situation under control and that the economy will come roaring back.

Let's hope so. But I had wished that the downturn had come before the Canton Township Board and presidential elections so solutions could have been debated in advance.

Now our fate is in the hands of people we elected because of the permanent good times.

We had good times. But with the mention of the R-word, it seems that we will need good luck.



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Letters from Our Readers

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Fire Chief Neal must be attending meetings on Mars

To the editor:
After the last City of Westland Council meeting, I have only one conclusion to come to, Mr. Neal must be attending meetings in another city and confusing issues between the two. I am also very grateful that Mr. Neal continues to speak as he proves to be fact all the things he has been charged with in relation to those who supported the recall.
For the last eleven months, Mr. Neal has been complaining about the disruption at council meetings and that the city needs to get back to the business of running the city. Yet Mr. Neal stands before the council and deliberately tries to incite the citizens by rehashing things that no longer have any relevance. His point of view was not supported by the majority of citizens. Mr. Neal needs to understand that it was a majority of taxpayers in this city that voted to have the recall; however, the majority of citizens did not, vote for Mr. Neal to have a vehicle that costs the citizens

roughly what the recall election cost. Or course Mr. Neal does not mention this as the vehicle only benefits him and not the majority of citizens, while the majority of citizens feel that the recall benefited this city. I am left wondering what his point is. Mr. Neal makes accusations, but never offers anything to substantiate them. Mr. Neal is very well versed in making veiled insults, as he chooses to mispronounce peoples names in an insulting if not childish manner. I can only draw that as he does riot seem to be hard of hearing, these are people who have been very public this last year. He appears to be literate. What other reason could he have to continually mispronounce names and use words he has to know are insulting?
Mr. Neal complained that one citizen was permitted to speak twice, yet he takes and is granted the privilege to rebut each and every time his name is mentioned in regard to his comments and behavior as a citizen, not a department head. Mr. Neal

states that people involved with the recall makes threats towards council members, yet he takes the privilege to berate Mr. Stottlemyer for exercising his right to his opinion and for daring to question an item on the Voucher. I absolutely defend Mr. Neal's right to speak, but I would expect that he would be a little more concerned with his credibility and at the very least offer evidence to back up his claims. With his words he claims to support a democracy, but his actions speak otherwise. His actions speak more towards the support of a dictatorship in which the people dare not question, dare not complain, and dare not take action in changing the status quo.
With regards to our mayor, what is his name? Oh yes, Mr. Thomas. It has been so long since I have seen him I almost forgot what he looks like. In Mr. Thomas' past mayoral elections, I whole heartedly supported him. I supported him because he seemed like "one of the people." I liked him

because he appeared to care about accountability. I liked his institution of "Town Hall Meetings," and neighborhood walks. Perhaps our real mayor was abducted by aliens and we are left with this changeling. This would at least explain his actions, or rather, his inactions. That Mr. Thomas has the nerve to feel he still wields the influence that once had many people instilling their trust in him amazes me. I feel compelled to comment on the agenda item regarding the lease of new vehicles. It would seem that Mr. Thomas feels that new vehicles will be leased regardless of the wishes of the people and irrespective of the possibility that in the future, certain lease vehicle "perks" may be eliminated. His comment that despite the fact, that a city vehicle may not be provided to civil servants, the use of those vehicles for the remainder of the lease will not be a problem. The point is, and I am sure the majority of taxpayers feel, that some of these perks are excessive,

the cars should not be leased in the first place. How this was negotiated into contracts is beyond me and I sincerely hope that it ends.
I am very excited about the future of our city. I think that the recall has done so many positive things beyond taking a stand against tyranny. I have become acquainted with some amazing and intelligent people. They have inspired me to be a better citizen. These people worked so hard towards a positive change, sacrificing their personal lives to secure a better future for the citizenry. This was a historical event. This was the "Boston Tea Party," and I feel so privileged to know some of these people.
This being said, I want to also state that I will not support or stand with anyone who threatens a recall against seated council members simply because as an individual they did not get the decision they wanted. I think it can go to an extreme when questions become accusations, accusations are taken as facts without the

backup to substantiate them. I think Mr. Gracin offers an excellent example on the right way to present yourself. Despite all that has been thrown at him and his family, he has never taken it to a personal level. I am proud to stand behind Mr. Gracin. I will stand and support anyone who serves to simply remind our government that our eyes are finally open, and we do not want politics as usual Westland style.
In closing, I want to say that the recall election was money well spent. I hope that future politicians remember what has happened here in this last year. I hope they remember the issues that the people have stated are important to them. I hope they remember that it is our money they are spending and do so wisely. Above all, I hope they remember where to place accountability in their list of priorities.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Susan M. Barton

CITY OF ROMULUS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 27, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

Present: LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth
Absent: None

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
William Oakley, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to accept the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Morris, Gear, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried.

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2A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 11, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Abstain-Romak.
Motion Carried.

00-435

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to approve the request from Marriott Hotel Services, Inc., to drop Host Marriott Corporation as co-licensee and add CCMH Romulus LLC and Host La Jolla of Michigan LLC aka Host La Jolla LLC as co-licensees in 2000 12 months Resort B-Hotel licensed business with Dance Permit, located at 30559 Flynn, Romulus, MI 48174, Wayne County.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-436

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to approve the request of Detroit Metro Partners Level 1, L.P. to drop Wyndham Management Corporation as co-licensee in 2000 B-Hotel licensed business with Dance-Entertainment Permit and 2 bars, located at 8600 Merriman, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3C. Steve Lewkowicz - Truck Traffic. No Action.

00-437

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adopt a Memorial Resolution for the family of Alfred C. Post.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-438

4B. Motion Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a Memorial Resolution for the family of Joseph Lambert.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-439

4C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Prybyla to adopt a Memorial Resolution for the family of Jeanette Sims.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-440

5A. Motion by Morris, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 00/01-15 to North Brothers Ford, in the amount of \$19,540.40 for the purchase of one (1) 2001 Cargo Van for the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-441

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to award Bid 00/01-18 to Pro-Tech Security Sales in the amount of \$19,540.40 for the purchase of a Sirchie Compact Manual Periscope for the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-442

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to award Bid 00/01-19 to Pro-Tech Security Sales in the amount of \$6,940.00 for the purchase of a Sirchie Portable Surveillance System.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-443

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Morris to concur with Mayor Oakley and Community Development Director Richard Marsh Jr. to pay the Downriver Community Conference 2000-2001 Membership Dues in the amount of \$4,750.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-444

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to adopt a resolution accepting jurisdiction of the following nine (9) streets within the City of Romulus Local Street System for the purpose of obtaining funding under Act 51, P.A. of 1951 as amended.

The Commons Subdivision:
Common Drive
Center Drive
Clocktower Drive
Clocktower Court
Villager Drive

The Farms Subdivision:
McDonald Drive
Failow Court
Silo Drive

Complete resolutions on file in the Clerks Office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-445

5E1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution accepting jurisdiction of 5M Center Drive within the City of Romulus Local Street System for the purpose of obtaining funding under Act. 51, P.A. of 1951 as amended, subject to the legal description being received by the legal department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A1. Item deleted.

00-446

9. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to officially rename Cordell Park for former mayor Beverly McAnally including plaque

with dedication of same scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2001.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-447

11. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Romak to authorize the payment of Warrant 00-24 in the grand total amount of Six Hundred and Fifty Two Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty Two Dollars and Fifty Three Cents (\$652,342.53).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-448

12A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to convene to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried unanimously.

00-449

12B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to reconvene to open meeting.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-450

12C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to authorize Mayor Oakley to execute the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Efforts on behalf of the City of Romulus and to designate William Oakley and Debbie Romak as the Member Representative(s) of the City to the Group established under that Agreement. The designation of those Member Representatives does not authorize those Representatives to take actions or make decisions on behalf of or that are binding upon the City of Romulus without the prior express direction from the City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-451

12D. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to send postcard notification to all Romulus residents that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold the FINAL Public Hearing on its intent to issue a hazardous Waste Management Construction permit to Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS). The construction permit will enable EDS to construct a hazardous Waste Management facility at 28470 Citrin Drive. The public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, and same shall be posted on the City of Romulus Cable TV Government Channel 12.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

13. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held December 27, 2000.

Linda/R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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BROWN, DORICE
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CASEY, JESSE
CLEVELAND, MILDRED
COX, LEROY
DARNELL, C.B.
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HEAD, WALTER
JEWEL, GLADYS
JOHNICAN SR., WILLIE
JOHNSON, LIZZIE
KIRKPATRICK, KALIA
LEONHARD, EVELYN

Funeral Home with cremation rites accorded.

HEAD, WALTER J., 55, of Inkster, born in Oakland, CA., passed away November 29. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his mother, Ollie Boyer; daughter Keterah; three sisters; seven brothers; two grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Middlebelt Baptist Church with interment at Detroit Memorial Park West.

JEWEL, GLADYS KIRKLAND, 62, of Inkster, born in Yazoo City, Miss.,

passed away December 3. She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband of 40 years, Rodgers; two sons Marous and Michael; two daughters Tracy and Kimberly; eight grandchildren; close friend Jannie; family and friends. Arrangements made through Penn Funeral Home with services held at Amity Baptist Church.

JOHNICAN SR., WILLIE, 74, of Romulus, born in Hughes, Ark., passed away November 17. He leaves behind to mourn his passing wife, Genal; daughters Minnie and Marie; sons Charles and Anthony;

thirteen grandchildren; six great grandchildren; friends and family. Arrangements made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Beverly House of God with interment at Metropolitan Memorial Park.

JOHNSON, LIZZIE, of Romulus, born in Scott Co., Miss., passed away November 21. She leaves behind to cherish her memory sons James, Billy, and Willie; mother Flora; sister Mary; four brothers; eighteen grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services were held at Mt. Olive Missionary

Baptist Church in Romulus, with interment at Romulus Cemetery.

KIRKPATRICK, KALIA, 26, of Detroit, born in Wayne, passed away November 19. He leaves to cherish his memory wife Edie; daughter Kaliah; step-daughters Sade and Mercedes; father Charles; step-mother LaVita; one brother; one sister; grandmother Mozella; grandfather Marquis; great-grandparents Sophie Kirkpatrick and Clifford Steele; special friend Atiya; and many friends and family members. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with interment at Knollwood Memorial

Park.

LEONHARD, EVELYN I., 83, of Ohio, passed away December 19. Dear wife of Harold M. Leonhard. Loving mother of Lynda K. (Danny) Lewis and Neal M. (Sue) Leonhard. Dear sister of Ramona Taylor, Joanne Story, L.D. (Ruth) Wilcox, the late Theodelle Carpenter, the late Jack Wilcox, and the late Donna Simms. Dear grandmother to the late Danny Lewis, William D. Lewis, Lyndsey M. Leonhard, Erin K. Leonhard, Nathan M. Leonhard. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home.

BAKER, DORIS L., 82, of Delta Twp., Michigan, passed away December 20. Dear wife of the late Ira (Dick) Baker, Jr. Loving mother of Virginia (Patrick) O'Rourke and Donna Vigil. Dear sister of Kenneth Ferguson, the late Thomas Ferguson, and Harry Ferguson. Loving grandmother of David and Daniel O'Rourke, and Alexandra Vigil. Funeral services were held at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dave Stewart officiating. Interment followed at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia. Arrangements made by Uht Funeral Home.

BEAUDOIN, LENORE A., 95, of Romulus, passed away December 20. Loving mother of John R. (Patricia) of Lincoln Park, James P. of Richmond, VA. Grand mother of six, great grandmother of seven. Mass was held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Arrangements were made through Crane Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to St. Aloysius Catholic Church.

BOICE, BONNIE LOUISE, 53, of Westland, passed away December 16. Loving daughter of Agnes Boice and the late Melbourne Boice. Dear sister of Judy (Ron) Smith, Sandy (John) Simpson, and Eddie (Wanda) Boice. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Rowland officiating. Interment followed at Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne.

BROWN, DORICE I., died December 20, 2000 after an illness of several years. Born Dorice I. Gray, March 31, 1912 in Ishpeming, Michigan, she attended the local schools there and was a graduate of distinction from what is now Northern Michigan University in 1936. Dorice was awarded the Regents Scholarship and received her Master of Arts degree in Latin from the University of Michigan in 1937. She taught in the Marquette County country schools of Skandia and Yalmer, Painesdale High School, Imhpeming High School and Kettering Elementary School in the Wayne-Westland District, retiring in 1974. For many years she was active in the affairs of St. John's Episcopal Church. Surviving are her husband, Pater, sons David (of Athens, GA.) and Terry (of Telluride, CO.), their wives, two granddaughters, two granddaughters, two nephews, and several grandnieces and nephews. Details of a memorial service will be announced at some future date.

CALLOWAY, LAWYER, 83, of Wayne, born in Wetumpka, Ala., passed away December 3. He is survived by son Charles Calloway; grandchildren; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded.

CASEY, JESSIE V., passed away December 19. Loving wife of Joseph Casey. Dear aunt to Dessa Thompson and great aunt to Kathi Dallon, Terri Suggs, Frank J. Saldana, and Maria Saldana. Interment followed at Alanson Cemetery.

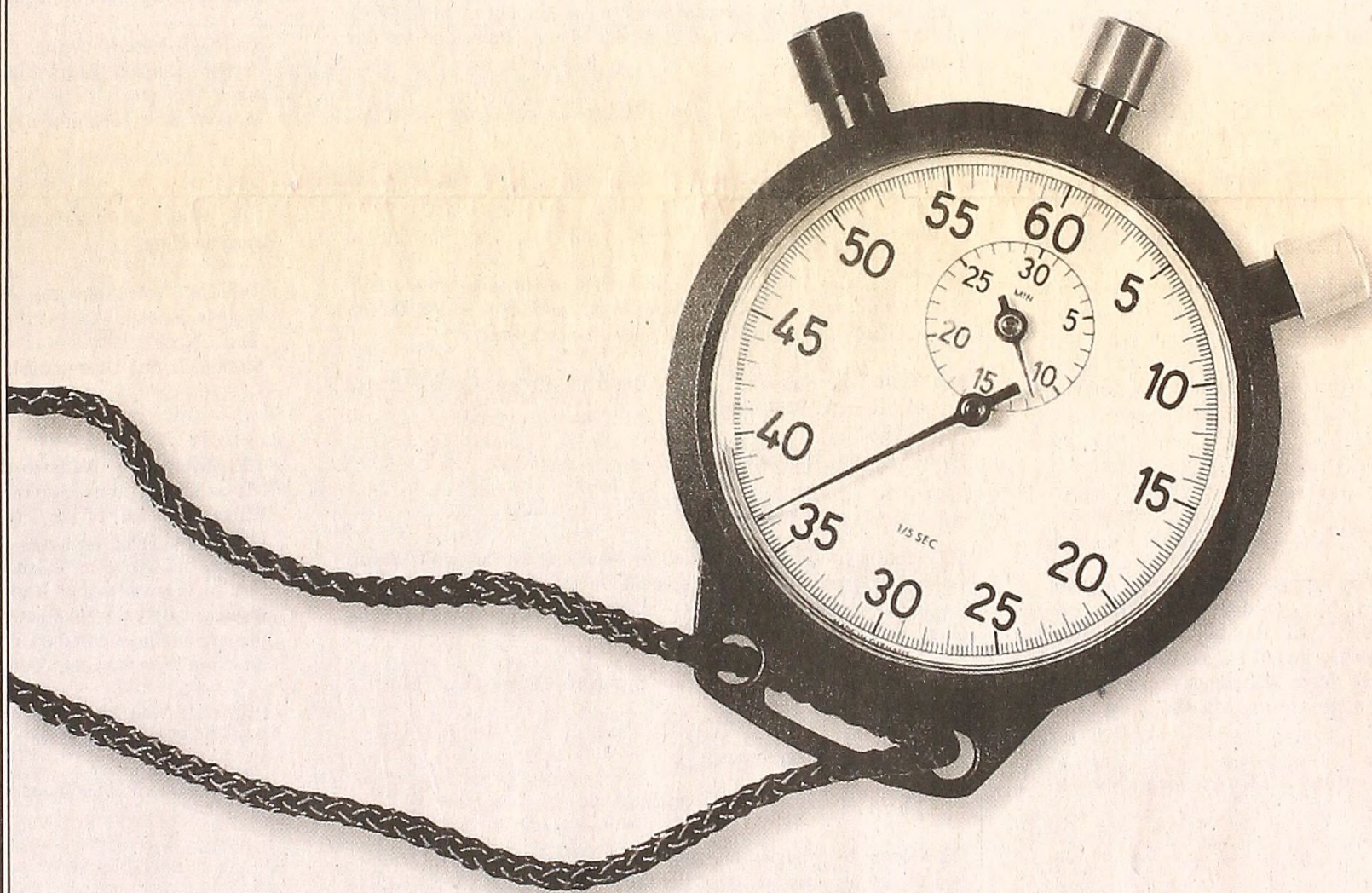
CLEVELAND, MILDRED, 84, of Inkster, born in Bentonia, Miss., passed away November 13. She leaves to mourn her passing her children Kenneth, Vickey, and Linda; grandchildren Robert II, Devon, Lakeisha, and Shavonne; and many friends and family members. Arrangements were made by Penn Funeral Home with services held at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. Her body was donated to the University of Michigan Medical School.

COX JR., LEROY, 57, of Jackson, born in Memphis, TN., passed away November 21. He leaves behind daughters Pamela Stewart and Dr. Rena Cox; grandchildren; family and friends. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home with services held at Southern Funeral Home in Memphis, Tenn., with interment at Memphis Tenn. Veterans Cemetery.

DARNELL, C.B., 77, of Romulus, born in Nashville, Tenn., passed away November 24. He leaves to mourn devoted wife Jean; step-daughters Shanika and Melisha; grandchild De'Vanta; two sisters; two brothers; family and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. W.W. Davis officiating.

EDWARDS, CLIFTON, 48, of Inkster, born in Detroit, passed away November 24. He leaves behind his sister Patricia Johnson, family, and friends. Services were held at Penn

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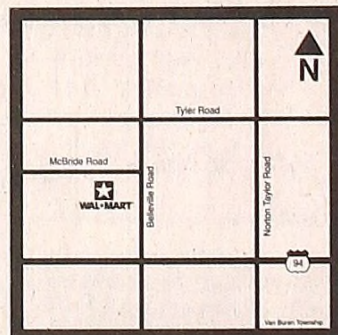


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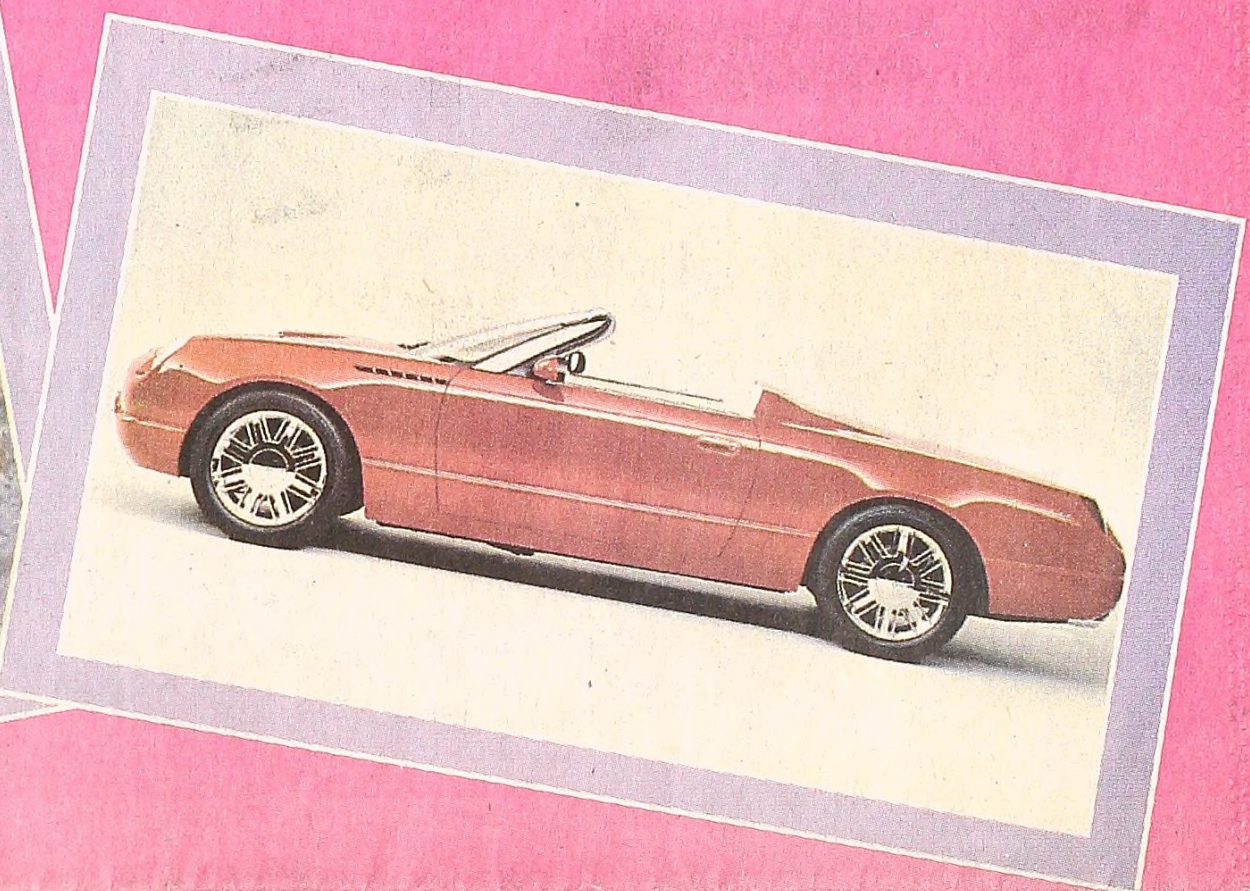
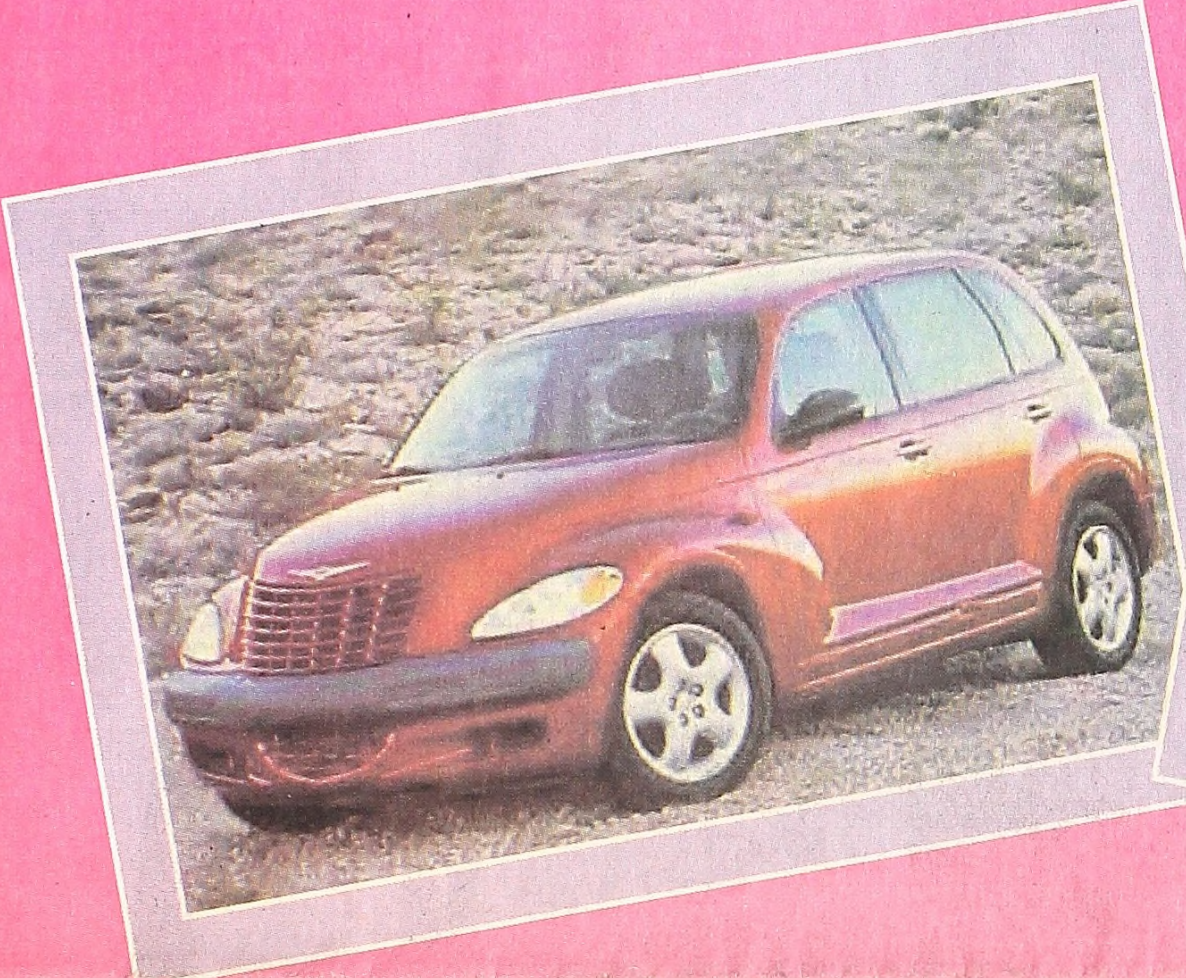
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New Thunderbird, Jeep Liberty take center stage

When the North American Auto Show opens its doors on January 13, 800,000 or more auto enthusiasts will feast their eyes on a dizzying array of gadgetry and electronic wizardry in the 700 vehicles on display at the Cobo Center site.

Expected to be the stars of the show are Ford's 2002 Thunderbird, GM's Buick Bengal and the Jeep Commander 2 concept car. All three of these cars are loaded with the electronic gadgets that will be standard fare on most cars of the future.

For example the Bengal, thanks to technology from Visteon, offers total voice activation. That means a driver can control vehicle functions with his voice when he is inside or outside of the car. The new concept Jeep goes a step further allow a driver to send e-mails and dial phone numbers while keeping both hands on the wheel.

The Thunderbird, already in production, will be a popular display because of the media build-up that portrays it as a take-off of the sporty t-birds of the 50's and 60's.

Ford's display will also feature the new 2002 Explorer. A lower step-in height and a third-row seat are features in the total re-design of this SUV. Additionally a group of modified Focus models will garner a lot of attention from hot-rod enthusiasts.

Lincoln-Mercury will roll-out its 2002 Blackwood production model, which is a combination SUV and pick-up.

General Motors plans to attract visitors with four concept vehicle displays. Taking the popular SUV concept and crossing it with a station wagon gets GM the concept Cadillac Vizon. The Vizon boasts an advanced cruise control that automatically adjusts

700 cars to be on display at Auto Show

speed if there's traffic or an obstruction ahead.

Take away the station wagon, and add a pick-up and convertible and you get the GMC Terra-Cross concept. The sure to please every taste vehicle has plenty of room for five-passengers and a unique retractable three-sectioned retractable roof that converts the vehicle to a convertible or pick-up.

The other concept vehicles are the aforementioned Buick Bengal convertible and the Oldsmobile Eurocar 04 that features an adjustable, versatile hard top or all sea-

sons.

The most advanced electrical system ever utilized in a truck is the major feature of Chevrolet's new Trailblazer. The 2002 production SUV is built on the same platform as the Envoy and Bravada, and features the OnStar communication system and electronic throttle control.

The Avalanche, a SUV-pick-up concept vehicle at last year's auto show, emerges as a production model this year.

GM hopes to compete with the Lincoln Navigator with its introduction of the re-

designed Escalade for 2002. Additionally the G-van, co-produced with Lear Corp., shows how looks can change when luxury interiors are added to a vehicle.

Saturn will show-off its first sport-utility vehicle, a compact 2002 built on a platform exclusive to Saturn. The SUV features a new computer-controlled transmission that uses a push belt to vary its speed ratios infinitely.

Daimler-Chrysler will emphasize its return to NASCAR racing at its display. Daytona-ready Dodge Intrepids will thrill race fans want-

ing an early glimpse of the racing Dodge. Two concept cars that will draw their share of ooh's and ah's will be the Jeep Varsity and Dodge Viper GTS/R.

Those projects likely however, will take a backseat to Jeep's unveiling of the 2002 Liberty, which will take the place of the Cherokee, in Chrysler showrooms this summer. The Liberty is the first all-new Jeep since the Grand Cherokee was introduced in 1992.

The new Jeep draws on styling themes from the Dakar and Jeepster concept

vehicles seen in previous auto shows. Specifically we're talking big wheel arches, tall roofline, externally mounted spare tire and a contemporary interior.

Under the hood, the Liberty features a new 3.7-liter V6 engine that delivers 210 horsepower. It can be purchased in two or four-wheel drive.

A concept sports car that transforms into a cargo-hauler will be featured at the Mitsubishi display. You heard it right. A four-passenger all-wheel drive sports car converts to a two-seater with loads of cargo space by way of a transformable rear deck.

Volkswagen will feature a first-look at the re-designed VW Passat. This vehicle has an exciting new grille and rear treatments and incredibly four engines to choose from, including a brand new V-5. Additionally, the VW display will show-off a new production version of the Beetle, that is sportier than earlier versions.

Audi will introduce a concept vehicle dubbed the Steppenwolf.

This vehicle will show have the four-wheel-drive "Quattro" engine can become a high-performance off-road vehicle.

Another innovation that will turn heads is Isuzu's internal computer that monitors input for terrain and continuously adjusts shock valving for best handling and ride.

This feature can be found in the new 2002 Axiom Sportswagon, which Isuzu calls its return to the station wagon.

The 2001 North American Auto Show is at Cobo Center through January 21.



Ford hopes a return to the 50's and 60's will make this Thunderbird a best seller.

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Three futuristic cars headline GM display

Bengal, Vizon, Terra Cross appeal to younger drivers

One display area you will not want to miss when you visit the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS), is General Motors. GM has put together an impressive array of concept vehicles with a company-wide commitment to attract younger buyers.

The once-stodgy Buick Division will display a sleekly sculpted roadster they call the Buick Bengal. This convertible has a hidden rear seat that allows for up to four passengers, a high-performance power-train and Star Wars-like voice activated controls.

But it is under the hood, that makes the Bengal like no automobile we've ever seen. Called "wheels forward" architecture, a six-speed transmission has been placed behind the engine block, instead of in front like other vehicles. The cleverly placed transmission allows the wheels of the front-drive Bengal to be pushed to the far corners of the car.

The interior sports generous amounts of leather. What appears to be a two-seat roadster, actually has a third door behind the driver's door and a retractable tonneau cover that reveals seating for two additional passengers. Seats are leather and leather inserts grace the wood steering wheel.

A supercharged 3.4-liter V6 engine that generates 250 horsepower can be found under the hood.

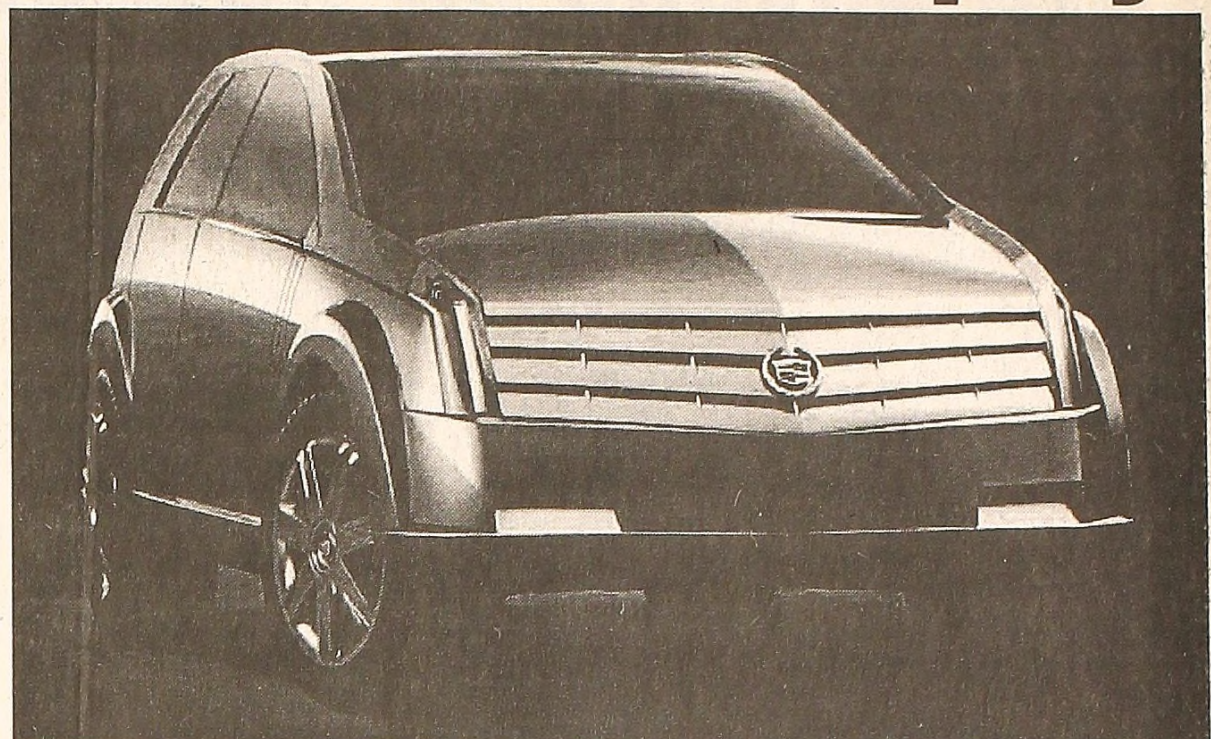
Maybe the most interesting concept vehicle GM will display is the GMC TerraCross. This vehicle is an SUV, pick-up and five-seat convertible all in one. The convertible part is interesting in that the roof's three glass segments can move to various positions allowing for passengers to enjoy one-third, two-thirds or total convertible experience.

Another roof configuration allows for the segments to slide totally forward creating an open cargo bed. A reconfigurable mid-gate offers additional flexibility, allowing the vehicle to be completely closed or to open to back to create an open cargo box.

What's more the front passenger seat swivels, transforming the inside of the vehicle into a conversation pit for tailgate parties.

Up front the vehicle is equipped with an integrated laptop computer that allows the front-seat passenger to dial-up the internet while on the road.

The TerraCross sports a 3.4-liter V6 engine and a four-speed automatic transmission. This is one vehicle you will not want to miss at the auto show.



The Cadillac Vizon is a combination SUV and station wagon

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Cadillac will be showing-off their latest concept vehicle, the Vizon.

The Vizon is a cross between an SUV and a station-wagon, that seats four, and sports an electronic liftgate.

The unique liftgate provides access to the rear storage area, with the load floor lifting up to form an additional shelf for more storage capacity. If that isn't enough storage, an integrated roof rack and a center console that extends the length of the interior are perfect for longer items like skis and surfboards.

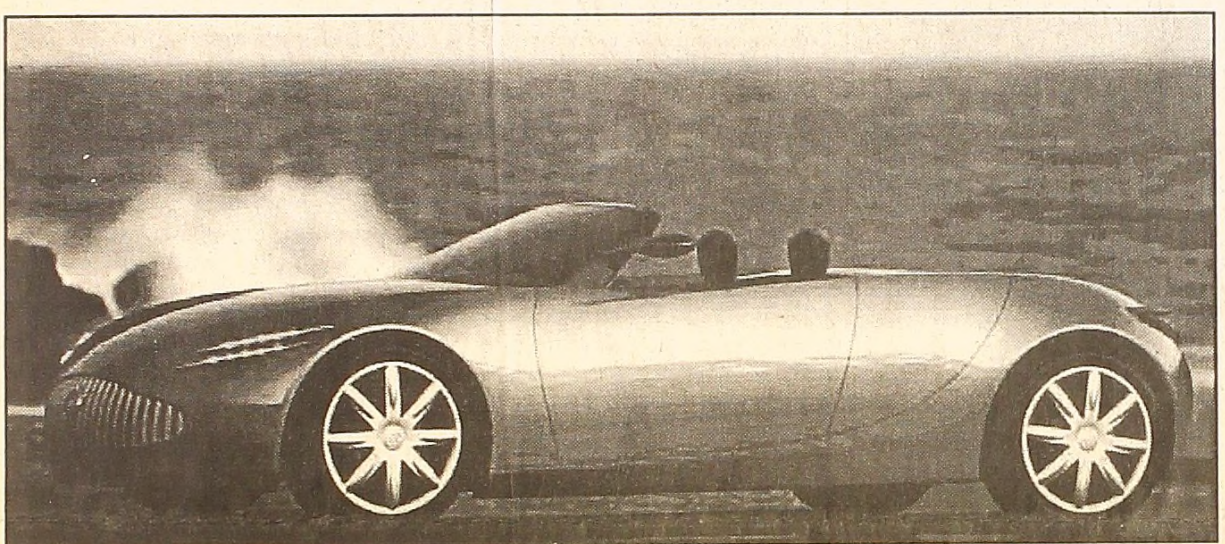
This is definitely not your father's Cadillac. Powered by a 4.2-liter V8 Northstar engine, the Vizon features an all-wheel-drive system controlled by the new StabiliTrak traction system and a large power sunroof.

Inside, the Vizon offers leather interior with integrated heating and cooling and an infotainment system that includes DVD player and built-in video screens.

The gimmickry doesn't stop there. The Vizon is also equipped with a suspension that adjusts its height for different road and load conditions.

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tem maintains exact distance from the car ahead and night vision helps drivers find their way when the roadway is dark.



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Ford unveils all-new convertible Thunderbird

Car returns styling, muscle of baby boomers

Ford Motor Company hopes to excite auto show participants with the unveiling of the all-new 2002 Ford Thunderbird.

"This car, its style, the statement it makes, the feelings it evokes - all will make it an icon in its own right," said Jim O'Connor, president of Ford Division. "For those who, like me, really loved the original Thunderbirds, this moment has been 45 years in the making."

Dealer showrooms will begin displaying the new Thunderbird this week. On January 8th, dealers were officially allowed to take orders for the

vehicle which will also begin regular production this week.

The new Thunderbird is a two-seat rear-wheel-drive, V-8 powered, convertible roadster. An optional convertible top with classic porthole windows is available. The 83-pound top is easily fastened with a pin-and-bolt system at the two front attachments and two clamps at the rear.

Under the hood the Thunderbird has power to spare with the all-aluminum 3.9-liter DOHC V-8, and a five-speed automatic transmission. Four wheel anti-lock disc brakes are standard and employ electron-

ic brake force distribution.

The Thunderbird nameplate is one of the most recognized of all cars. The sporty two-seat roadster of the 50's and now of today, was replaced in the late 50's with a full-sized luxury family sedan that was marketed to the masses. Known as "Square Birds" the bigger Thunderbird became a huge hit when Ford needed a bigtime volume seller.

In the early 60's the Thunderbird shed its square design to a car that personified a futuristic image with a smooth aerodynamic appearance. It was

dubbed the "Bullet Bird."

The new Ford Thunderbird was a big hit as a concept car at the 2000 auto show. In September 2000, upscale retailer Neiman Marcus ordered 200 of the special edition 2002 Thunderbirds and made them available for early orders in its annual Christmas Book. The black and silver cars were priced at \$41,995 and sold out in a record time of 2 hours, 15 minutes.

25,000 new Thunderbirds will be built at the Ford Wixom Assembly Plant this year.



Forty-Nine concept relives cruising the Woodward strip.

New Forty-Nine concept relives 50's-60's cruising

For all the baby boomer nostalgia buffs that really dig cars from the past, Ford has the display for you at this year's auto show. The new Ford Forty-Nine concept has been designed to take us on a sentimental drag-race down memory lane. The concept vehicle harkens back to the romance of a Friday night at the drive-in, listening to rock-and-roll and cruising the Woodward strip.

The original '49 had a modern slab-side design, with front fenders, body sides and rear quarter panels forming on continuous line from head to taillights. Popular amongst teens, the car easily lent itself to tinkering and car buffs everywhere boosted engine performance, reshaped bodies and altered suspensions.

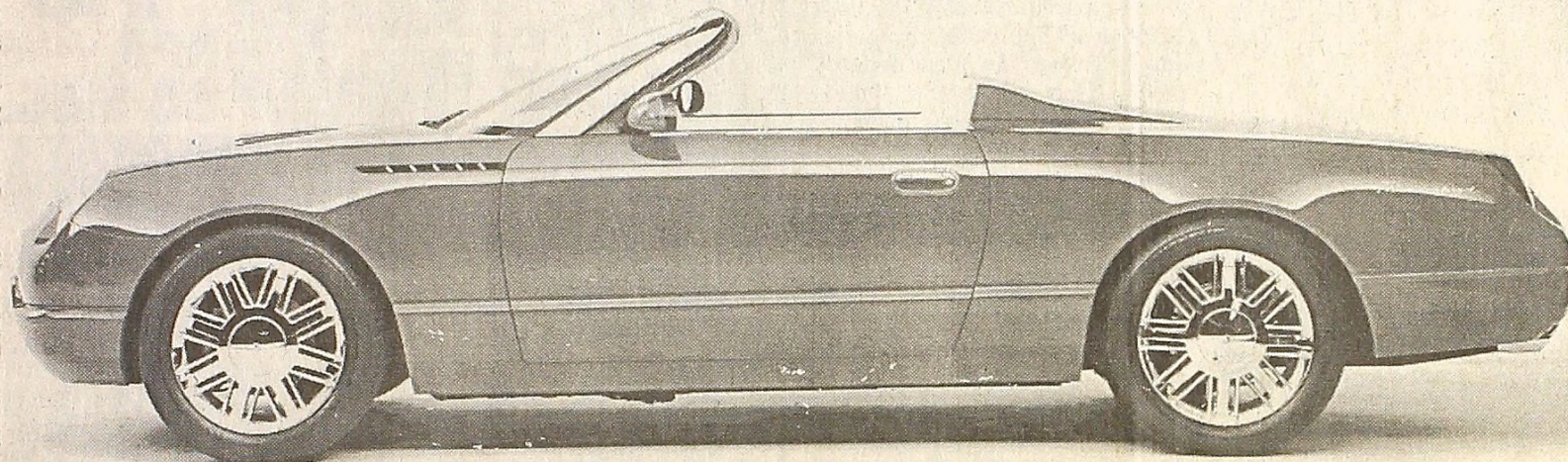
The new '49 concept offers an all-glass upped body structure with concealed pillars and windshield wipers. The exterior finish is velvety black with bright chrome accents.

The interior sports two-tone leather: black and sienna. The dashboard's primary gauges are contained within a single round instrument cluster, much like the original '49. The audio system is top-notch with a built-in CD player and a massive sub-woofer, all powered by a 200-watt amplifier.

Under the hood it's all Thunderbird. In fact a large decal "Powered by Thunderbird" is located on the side fender giving a hint of what's inside. And inside is certainly impressive. Displayed prominently in black, stainless and chrome metal finishes is the 3.9-liter, DOHC, 32-valve V-8 engine, kicking out horsepower to spare.

As J. Mays, Ford vice-president of design stated, "This car reminds us of a romance and a passion of the American touring car that is just as thrilling today as it was 50 years ago."

It is a must see on anyone's auto show viewing list.



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The BEST and the WORST car features named

By KAREN WILCOX
MCN Special Writer

Cars and trucks are becoming far more complicated. There are more features and accessories than ever, and that's not going to change. In fact, it's going to get worse. Several decades ago, adding a radio to an automobile was controversial.

Now, there are all sorts of gizmos and gadgets to tinker around with. Some of the are wonderful convenience features. Others are far more annoying than pleasing, and many of them can go either way depending on how well the automaker integrates them into the vehicle.

Here are some of the items that Consumer Review love to hate, or just love. You be the judge!

COMPACT DISC PLAYERS:

Love: Changers or single disc-players in the dash. They are simple and easy to use.

Hate: Changers in the trunk or anywhere else in the car. This means that

Believe it or not, Mercedes Benz comes up big in 'worst' category

you have to stop the car, get out and go to the trunk just because you want to here different music. Worst offender Mercedes Benz. One would think for that kind of money, they could simply put it in the dash!

FOLDING/REMOVABLE SEATS:

Love: Seats that can be folded away completely flat. Some which include the Honda Odyssey, Mazda MPV, and the Mitsubishi Montero. As you can see, only a few.

Hate: Seats that are just plain difficult to fold or don't leave a flat load floor. Many require you to raise the seat cushion, then remove the headrests before folding. Some of them don't even have storage for the removed headrest. There are plenty of offenders here.

WINDOW SWITCHES:

Love: Window switches

by the windows. That's simply where they should always be! The one-touch switch is an improvement upon this idea. Common is a single push to lower the driver's window. Better yet though, is a single push and all of the windows can go up or down. BMW was the first brand to let you raise or lower windows and convertible top with a keyless remote. Now that's convenience.

Hate: Window switches on the center console. Why in the world should your hand have to move in the opposite direction from what you want to open or close? It makes no sense, except it saves a bit of extra cost for wiring.

DOOR HANDLES:

Love: Handles. Real handles. The kind that you can grab overhand or underhand and just pull. Easy. Simple.

Hate: Flaps that act as handles. You can only get to them from one direction and that can be hard if your other hand is occupied. Most offensive are the ones that Nissan uses on SUV's. Those are smaller, harder to reach, and sideways to make them even tougher to use. I just wonder how many fingerprints have been broken this way?

SATELLITE NAVIGATION:
Love: Being able to find

your way easily and directly. Touch screens seem to be the best since they allow some much versatility of function. It's just a matter of what you do with the screen when you're not navigating, which is most of the time.

Hate: Navigation systems can be so hard to use, it seems to save more time just to stop and ask for directions. Also, the OnStar system in some models have been recalled due to them draining your battery. I have personally had the problem with my Chevrolet Yukon Denali. That had to disconnect my OnStar system.

GRAB HANDLES:
Love: Love them. Great idea! Great for the passen-

ger when the driver gets a little bit exuberant on a winding road.

Hate: Looking for a place to grab, and not finding it. When a designer forgets to add such a feature, you have to wonder if they have ever been in an automobile.

STEERING WHEEL CONTROLS:

Love: Basic, well-defined buttons to control just a few features. Usually the radio and temperature are enough.

Hate: When the automakers put on so many buttons with cryptic symbols that have many functions. This gets so complicated it's far easier to use the controls on the dashboard, completely eliminating the value of having controls on the steering wheel.

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